

Community Food Security Coalition.
 Community Market Gardens.
 Consumer Federation of America.
 Corporate Agribusiness Research Project.
 Dakota Resource Council.
 Dakota Rural Action (SD).
 Delta Land and Community.
 Demeter Association.
 Earthfriends.
 Eden Foods, Inc.
 Erehwon Retreat (NY).
 Family Farm Defenders.
 Family Farms for the Future (MO).
 Farming Alternatives Program at Cornell University.
 Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund.
 Florida Organic Growers.
 Food Works (VT).
 Friends of Rural Alabama, Inc.
 Friends of the Earth.
 GRACE Public Fund (Global Resource Action Center for the Environment).
 Green Eggers Farm (MS).
 Greenpeace USA.
 Henry A. Wallace Center for Agricultural and Environmental Policy at Winrock International.
 Hoosier Environmental Council.
 Idaho Organic Alliance.
 Illinois Stewardship Alliance.
 Indiana National Farmers Organization.
 Innovative Farmers of Ohio.
 Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement.
 Iowa Environmental Council.
 Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.
 Johnny's Selected Seeds (ME).
 Just Food (NY).
 Kansas City Food Circle.
 Kansas Rural Center.
 Maine Farms Project.
 Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association (MOFGA).
 Maysie's Farm Conservation Center (PA).
 McCone Agriculture Protection Organization.
 Michael Fields Agricultural Institute.
 Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Services (MOSES).
 Minnesota Project.
 Minnesota Food Association.
 Mississippi 2020 Network, Inc.
 Mississippi River Basin Alliance.
 Missouri Farmers Union.
 Missouri Rural Crisis Center.
 National Catholic Rural Life Conference.
 National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture.
 National Center for Appropriate Technology.
 National Family Farm Coalition.
 National Farmers Organization.
 Nebraska Wildlife Federation.
 New York City Soil and Water Conservation District.
 New England Small Farm Institute.
 New York Certified Organic, Inc.
 New Jersey Environmental Lobby.
 New York State Grange.
 New York Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (NYSAWG).
 Northeast Organic Farming Association-New York.
 North Carolina Contract Poultry Growers Association.
 Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut (CT).
 Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group.
 NorthEast Neighborhood Alliance (NY).
 Northern Plains Resource Council.
 Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society.

Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides.
 Nebraska Wildlife Federation.
 Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association.
 Ohio Environmental Council.
 Ohio Family Farm Coalition.
 Organic Agriculture Systems Consulting.
 Organic Farming Research Foundation.
 Organic Independents.
 Organic Trade Association.
 Organization for Competitive Markets.
 PCC Farmland Fund.
 Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture.
 Pennsylvania Certified Organic.
 Pesticide Action Network-North America.
 Philadelphia Fair Food Project (PA).
 Poughkeepsie Farm Project (NY).
 Peacework Organic Farm (NY).
 Provender Alliance (Pacific Northwest).
 Regional Food and Farm Project (Northeast).
 Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust (NM).
 Roby Van En Center (PA).
 Rocky Mountain Farmers Union.
 Rodale Institute.
 Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA.
 Rural Coalition/Coalición Rural.
 Rural Vermont.
 Rural Virginia Inc.
 San Juan Citizens Alliance.
 Sierra Club Agricultural Committee.
 Social Concerns/Rural Life Office Diocese of Jefferson City (MO).
 Sophia Garden CSA (NY).
 South Central Farmers Market Association (PA).
 Southern Research and Development Corp. (LA).
 Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group.
 Students Interested in Sustainable Agriculture (Dickinson College, PA).
 Sustainable Agriculture Coalition.
 Sustainable Agriculture for Everyone.
 Sustainable Earth (IN).
 Sustainable Food Center (TX).
 Tennessee Land Stewardship Association.
 Tuscaloosa CSA (AL).
 Tuscara Organic Growers Cooperative (PA).
 Union of Concerned Scientists.
 United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society.
 Washington Biotechnology Action Council (WA).
 Washington Sustainable Food & Farming Network.
 Western Organization of Resource Councils.
 Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group.
 Willimantic Food Co-op (CT).
 Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group.
 Virginia Biological Farming Association.
 Veritable Vegetable (CA).

IN RECOGNITION OF CANADA'S
 STEADFAST SUPPORT FOR THE
 AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE
 UNITED STATES FOLLOWING
 TERRORISTS ATTACKS ON SEP-
 TEMBER 11, 2001

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2001

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our northern neighbors, the people of Canada.

Next week, I will be addressing the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Ottawa, Canada. While there, I will have the high honor of meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien and my colleague in the Canadian House of Commons, Speaker Peter Milliken. With both great leaders, I will express our heartfelt thanks for their tremendous support during these challenging times.

At this time, I would like to submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD two documents sent to me from Speaker Milliken. The first is a letter he wrote to me detailing "the profound sorrow and sympathy" Canadians have for the families and friends of the victims in September 11th's harrowing attack.

The second is a Resolution passed in the House of Commons on Monday, September 17, 2001, that in part reads: the people's body of Canada reaffirms "its commitment to the humane values of free and democratic society and its determination to bring to justice the perpetrators of this attack on these values and to defend civilization from any future terrorist attack."

In closing, I look forward to my meetings with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly so I can personally deliver America's thanks to the leaders of the free world, especially our friends across our northern border, the people of Canada.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
 Ottawa, Canada, September 19, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, on behalf of all members of the House of Commons of Canada, I would like to convey to you, and to the Members of the House of Representatives of the United States, the profound sorrow and sympathy of the Canadian people for the families and friends of the victims of the September 11th attack on the United States of America.

At this most difficult time, Canadians and Americans have found solace in the strength and endurance of their friendship. On September 14th, a National Day of Mourning in Canada, I stood with my colleagues from the House, shoulder to shoulder with 100,000 Canadians on the lawn of Parliament Hill in Ottawa, grieving the incalculable loss the world has sustained. Throughout our country, in similar ceremonies, the citizens of Canada echoed, and shared, the sadness of the American people.

The United States and Canada have often taken their relationship for granted; somehow, today, that seems right. There is, after all, much comfort to be had in the unwavering support of our friends during dark times. In fact, former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau once said: "The friendship between our two countries is so basic, so non-negotiable, that it has long since been regarded by others as the standard for enlightened international relations." In the difficult days that lie ahead, I trust you will continue to count on that friendship, as we count on yours.

I have attached the resolution that was adopted by the House of Commons on September 17th, 2001, and signed by the Clerk, as well as the day's Hansard, the transcript of the Commons' proceedings. I hope they will serve to convey to you some of the sentiments expressed by your Canadian colleagues in the House of Commons, as well as their heartfelt hope that the United States

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will draw strength from its many friends and allies around the world.

Yours truly,

Peter Milliken,
The Speaker.

RESOLUTION

Resolved,—That this House express its sorrow and horror at the senseless and vicious attack on the United States of America on September 11, 2001;

That it express its heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims and to the American people; and

That it reaffirm its commitment to the humane values of free and democratic society and its determination to bring to justice the perpetrators of this attack on these values and to defend civilization from any future terrorist attack.

FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2646) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2001.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to support the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oregon, Mr. BLUMENAUER, relating to animal fighting.

This amendment, which is identical in content to H.R. 1155, would close a loophole in section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act and bar any interstate shipment of birds for fighting purposes.

Mr. Speaker, in 1976, I joined my colleagues on the floor of the U.S. House in overwhelmingly approving an amendment to the Animal Welfare Act barring any interstate shipment of birds for fighting. Unfortunately, in the conference with the Senate on this legislation, a provision was inserted to allow shipment of fighting birds to States where cockfighting is legal [at that time, there were six States that allowed legal cockfighting].

For the last quarter century, it has become apparent that this loophole has undermined the effectiveness of State bans against cockfighting. Now only three States allow cockfighting, and the loophole in the law allows illegal cockfighters to argue that they possess and train fighting birds and equipment in order to sell the animals and equipment to any one of the three legal cockfighting States. In reality, they are typically making an excuse to conceal their illegal cockfighting operations within their own State. For instance, a cockfighter in Florida or West Virginia, where cockfighting is illegal, can evade scrutiny, and confiscation of fighting animals, by claiming he is going to ship the birds to one of the three legal States. In short, the loophole provides a smokescreen behind which illegal cockfighters operate and undermine the effectiveness of state laws against animal fighting.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment mirrors the provisions of H.R. 1155, a bill introduced by Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota which has 205 bi-

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partisan cosponsors. This measure has been endorsed by 98 law enforcement agencies.

We should note that the legislation has been endorsed by leading animal welfare groups including the Humane Society of the United States and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

While the Animal Welfare Act currently prohibits any interstate movement of dogs for fighting, the prohibition does not apply to birds shipped interstate to fight in the three States where cockfighting is still legal. This loophole should be closed.

Accordingly, I urge a "yes" vote on this amendment.

TRIBUTE TO JACQUELYN C.C. MENDIOLA

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring attention to an exceptional young woman named Jacquelyn C.C. Mendiola. Jacquelyn, a 16-year-old junior attending George Washington High School in Mangilao, Guam, enjoys music, reading, writing and playing basketball. I bring special attention to her today because of a passionate poem she wrote regarding the September 11 attacks on our nation. Jacquelyn happened to be home sick that day and watched the World Trade Center events in New York on the TV news headlines. Her inspiration came from repeatedly watching the families of victims through CNN news. Her emotions and creativity is reflected in her heart-felt poem which I submit for the RECORD along with her story in her own words.

I stayed home sick from school. When I awoke, I found my mom tuned into CNN. At first, I couldn't believe what was happening. It was like a movie. The twin towers were on fire and came crashing down. The people running on the streets trying desperately to get away. I was then glued to the television and the news reports CNN gave were unbelievable. They did an interview on relatives of those victimized by the attacks. Looking at their faces and seeing the pain in their eyes was overwhelming for me. It broke my heart because I realized that something traumatic can happen to anyone so unexpectedly. They didn't know they were going to die that day. No one suspected they would lose their loved ones. Then I heard about the lost firemen, those who went into save lives and ended up losing their own. When my mom and dad left for work, and my brother and sister were at school, I had a lot of time to myself and I couldn't help but reflect on what was happening. I knew people would be asking, "Why?" or "Where is God when you need Him?" or they would be pointing fingers looking for someone to blame. I can't blame them for being angry because this is terribly disappointing. However, I was thinking that if we continue to seethe with anger instead of uniting to help one another, the situation will be worse than it already is. It's so sad. We need support more than ever, but most of all, I feel we need a God whose power is much more great than the amount of evil in our world. It's harder to trust now and it's hard to maintain hope. We need a strength that

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defeats our own. With all this on my mind, I wrote it down, and I choose to express myself by writing a poem about a day we shall never forget.

TAKE YOUR SEATS

Passengers take their seats
On a flight to a set destination,
Not knowing that on this day
They will cry out with desperation.

Employees take their seats
In offices stories high,
Not knowing that in this city
Many of them will die.

New York's usual rhythm stopped
When loud explosion came.
It took our nation by surprise
On this long tragic day.

Firefighters and police
Rush to save their lives.
Courageous heroes trapped within
Feared to have not survived.

Faces and dreams wiped away,
The very thought makes me cry.
To know these victims cried in anguish,
Tears falling from their eyes.

Father why did this happen?
Your children have been killed.
Friends and families mourn their deaths.
There is a great void to fill.

A freedom-loving nation torn
United we must stand.
Help us to be strong, I pray
Shelter us with Your hand.

Have mercy on these victims God,
Whose lives came to a sudden stop.
Grant comfort to their loved ones
And be their unshaken rock.

How can this world have so much hate?
Although I've been there too.
Teach us to love instead of hate
Help us to be like You.

Passengers take their seats
On a flight to a set destination.
Not knowing that on this day,
Their flight will lead to Heaven.

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HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2001

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about an exciting event that will be taking place next week in my Congressional District. On October 8, 2001 the U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame, on Oneonta, New York, will award the National Soccer Medal of Honor to a truly remarkable group of individuals, the Championship 1991 U.S. Women's National Soccer Team.

The National Soccer Medal of Honor is a special honor created by the members of the Society of American Soccer History (SASH), and Board of Directors of the National Soccer Hall of Fame to be awarded on special occasions when an individual has so influenced the sport of soccer in the United States as to effect the course of its history. The medal is rarely bestowed. In fact, the October 8th presentation will be only the third in the last twenty years!

The amazing accomplishment of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team in China in